

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

August 29, 2013

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on August 15, 2013 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending August 28, 2013 in the amount of \$ 260,408.66 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of August 1 – August 28, 2013
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office August 13 – August 26, 2013
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on August 19, 2013
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for July 2013
- Report of the Infrastructure Committee meeting held on August 22, 2013

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 1,547,492.65 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Club 12 of Plattsburgh Inc through the Adopt-A-Spot Program to adopt the green space surrounding the small Durkee Street parking lot to the river.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Plattsburgh Rotary Club to hold its Bed Race on Sunday, September 22, 2013 from 1pm – 3pm closing City Hall Place, Trinity Place and lower Court Street. This is a rain date and only necessary if the event had to be cancelled during the Battle of Plattsburgh weekend due to inclement weather.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves amending the 2013 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenue \$8,503.91 and appropriations in equal amounts in order to recognize the donation revenue received for the puppies recently abandoned and rescued and the resulting costs associated with their veterinary care.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD Bid No. 2013-8-1 "Utility Wood Poles" be awarded to Cox Industries in the total amount of \$18,078.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to revise capital project H7220.40, 2012 Rec Complex Facilities Upgrades by increasing funding \$54,000 for the Crete Bros. Gym Boiler/HVAC upgrade with a corresponding decrease of \$85,000 in funding for the beach bath house conversion analysis and site prep to appropriate the necessary amounts to be spent on these project items.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Contract # 2013-18 "City Gym Heating Plant Replacement Project" be awarded to Brockway Mechanical for a total cost of \$166,673.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion:

Councilor Carpenter said Steve is there a time line on that and when will it be done.

Superintendent of Recreation Steve Peters said early October.

Councilor Carpenter said do we have to close the gym while we are doing that.

Superintendent of Recreation Steve Peters said no.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign a contract with Biggest Loser Run/Walk to host the national race series on city streets on May 31 and June 1, 2014.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Discussion:

Councilor Tiffer said I just want to thank the parties involved. I know Steve was involved, and obviously I'm sure Mike was, the Mayor, Chamber of Commerce. This event this past year was really a highlight of the summer. There was thousands of people there, thousands of people that participated. So I'm really glad that we were able to attract them again because they saw what great event was put on by our city and by them. The contract that we have created really works in our favor. We really were able to put down the price to get them back. And I'm glad that all the parties involved worked to get that back.

Mayor Kasprzak said thank you that was an outstanding event.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

H. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to purchase a TimeClock Plus System with Munis Time and Attendance interface to automate the scheduling, timekeeping, time and attendance payroll creation and attendance history for the Finance Office personnel.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

I. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Omnium Champlain Sailing competition to reserve the use of the City Docks on Dock Street and the parking lot to park trailers and vehicles from August 30 – September 1 2013.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Case
Discussion:

Councilor Rabideau said is there a requirement for insurance for this type of event.

City Clerk Keith Herkalo said no they are parking in a public lot.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Jackson said we had an Infrastructure meeting last Thursday. There was a lot of discussion about development of the water front. There were a lot of ideas that were brought forth and there's a lot of discussion about where we should go. The discussion actually raised more questions than it answered. I had conversations with Elizabeth White, the representative from Navtours, and I've talked to a couple other Councilors who were at the meeting. My recommendation would be that we move forward with the resolution that we adopted in June. I think what the discussion brought forth last Thursday was that there is a heck of a lot more potential than just that 108 feet of property. If we create a master plan for water front development and develop it in stages. I think that is truly the way to go and we should honor the resolution we adopted and treat this as phase 1 of water front development.

Councilor Tiffer said Chris I couldn't agree more with you. I had an opportunity to go to the meeting on Tuesday with Kevin, John Clute, Navtours, Army Corp of Engineers, DEC, OEGS; I believe I am getting every party that was involved there. There's a lot of processes that need to be filed in order to even begin making a plan for the waterfront. Elizabeth White and Navtours they are ready to do it. They are ready to start planning and start implementing a lot of the things that they need to do in order to start getting the permits for the docks and the moorings and for the waterfront. But they need reassurance on the direction that we're going to go. In June we decided that we were going to go with them as the main party to negotiate and I think we need to honor that and that we need to reassure them that yes it is ok to start moving forward. It is ok for us to start negotiating and creating that contract that they need in order to move forward. There are things in their plans that aren't finalized. There are things that they're working towards. But creating a hybrid maybe they'll take care of some components of the marina we'll take care of other it is the right approach to do it. Our plan is to focus on moorings there plan is more focused on docks. Some kind of hybrid between the 2 could work. I'm glad that you had brought that up and I agree.

Councilor Calnon said I agree with both of my fellow councilors in that we need to honor our obligations and we made a firm commitment and we should continue to stick with that. However, I think one of the discussions that benefited us is that we got an awful lot more information about what the potential is like. So I think if nothing else that will make us better negotiators as we fulfill our obligation. In particular there's a tremendous amount of opportunity on the water front. As Mark has said the fact that there more focused on the land part of this is encouraging because that's not something that we've had a chance to really discuss yet. So I think that exactly right we are committed to honoring the obligations that we've made, but, I think

we are going to go to negotiation with our eyes wide open and with a lot more information than we had just a month or two ago.

Councilor Case said the Corp of Engineers are we going for a special mooring area designation?

Councilor Tiffer said Kevin would be better be able to answer that.

City Engineer Kevin Farrington said yes.

Councilor Jackson said there's going to be a brief MLD meeting following this meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:42pm